

S 2740

Dental Health Provider Shortage Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 22, 2004
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 7, 2004
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 21, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 22, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Dental Health Provider Shortage Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants to: (1) health centers to increase the number of dental providers and to increase dental health care capabilities by constructing or renovating building space; and (2) eligible individuals in dental health professional shortage areas to increase dental health care capabilities by constructing or renovating building space in exchange for an agreement to practice for five years in such an area and to provide care for certain patients receiving assistance or unable to pay.

Allows the Secretary to award grants to health centers to establish accredited dental residency training programs.

Requires the Secretary to award grants to: (1) simplify and automate the procedures applicable to Medicaid providers to encourage providers to participate in the dental component of the program; and (2) develop, disseminate, and assist with the implementation of a model contract for States to use to enroll dentists as Medicaid providers.

Requires the Secretary, acting through the Administrator, to carry out a program to repay any outstanding student loans of full-time faculty members of a school of dentistry or an accredited dental education program.

Allows the Director of the Indian Health Service to authorize a retention bonus for an eligible dental officer of the Indian Health Service.

Sets forth provisions regarding dentists and dental hygienists in the National Health Service Corps.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 22, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 22, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8720-8721)
- **Jul 22, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8721-8723)